

But why? What is the basis

under? What is the basis of the J.F.R. - J.V.

policy statement to facilitate planning?

1. The J.F.R. indicates that to get the message

Why do they need it? What points?

2. Promote the nation

3. But intra-service problems have contributed to

suggest careful direction, working

4. How do we improve? P.V.P. West Plan?

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2. Even though the NSC has not formally approved a new NSC, there have been significant changes in national level strategic thinking. These changes primarily deal with increased emphasis on our non-nuclear posture and a flexible and selective response, both nuclear and non-nuclear, to the entire spectrum of the Communist Threat.

3. Purpose of NSC is to:

a. Translate national objectives and policies of the US into terms of military objectives, strategic concepts, & tasks which are in accordance with actual US military capabilities.

b. Constitute a direction to CINCPAC for the conduct of ops in cold, hot & GW.

c. Present strategic & logistic planning guidance.

See Annex C, & (C/F), etc.

4.0 C2C

2. In order to ensure that military force is applied effectively, national authority will be delegated to the commander(s) concerned for the carrying out of ops.

6. Unified and specified commanders will conduct operations; the JCS will provide strategic guidance and ensure the timely organization and support of forces engaged.

C. Employment of nuclear weapons in CW will be subject to a greater degree of control than would be the case in CW.

GW Posture

16.2. Sustainable Command, Communication & Information

1. reporting system to permit controlled, coordinated and informed direction of US forces - combined ops.

32. CW Nuclear Weapons Policy. The decision to use nuclear weapons will be made by the President and will

reflect the intent of the JCS to: (1) Make every possible effort to keep the war at a non-nuclear level, but be prepared to use nuclear weapons under exceptional circumstances. (2) Meet nuclear aggression

in the US with, at the time nuclear weapons are authorized for use by the President, provide additional guidance, as required.

33. Nuclear weapons will be employed:

- 1) If they are needed against US and Allied forces.
- 2) If their use is necessary to maintain the tactical integrity of the forces engaged or
- 3) If a deliberate political decision is made to

~~commit~~ initiate, by deliberate use, our will and ability to employ nuclear weapons, if necessary.

(See Compendium of Rules of Engagement)

with appropriate nuclear response. (1) That

commensurate strikes with nuclear response will

be used if the situation cannot be defused by other

means.

✓ initiate a nuclear attack against the homeland
of the other nation or one of its major allies.

1. (a) plans should envisage but not necessarily require the presence of
nuclear weapons. (b) partial implementation, either to
support the struggle against the same enemy, or due to imminent
EW absence of planned reinforcements.

2. It is recognized that, during the period of
contingency plan, engagements between forces of the US and the
USSR may occur which, in themselves, are not of
such nature as to constitute sufficient cause for
the US to implement GW from the circumstances, location
and would eliminate under which an engagement occurs
would be major factors in determining what our national
response might be. It is not possible to determine in
advance the precise parameters of possible engagements
under which the US would:

- 1) initiate, at least temporarily, military disruptions, and thereby
- 2) Engage the Soviet in these actions locally, presenting
them with the alternatives of disengagement, withdrawal

... at 1.5 ...

2.2. Central Nuclear 9/10

2. The US, under conditions of general war, will launch a nuclear strategic attack, in accordance with the NSOP, against designated targets of F.S. power strengths.

[When? NSOP: 5th ^{ONSET} onset of GW probably will be characterized by the delivery of intensive nuclear blows by both sides.] [... NSOP: During initial phase.]

2.3. Further... The NSOP... is available if target... conditions under it... [unclear]...]

[unclear]... which... will provide for selective responses to this intent.

Possible with due consideration to the degree of

0.9.5 and reliability of the committed forces.

126 (2) The US and its Allies now have an overall military superiority against which all courses of action must ultimately be weighed. This strength is the source of our greater latitude of action in the conduct of war on a world-wide basis even though we do not match the S-S Bloc in all respects. Recognizing that success in warfare is so much a function of such intangible factors as will, psychological considerations and the like, the decision making process must not be unduly influenced by mere statistical ^{figures} evaluations.

b (1) (above) The

Planning will take into account

B. The over-all military effectiveness will be enhanced by making it clear in all actions that our nuclear power is available for use at any time and that we have the will to use the power as required.

C. GW ops will be conducted on a scale, and in a manner which reflects that the US has the will to accept the consequences of general war. [See Annex C]. Operations will be conducted in such a manner as to afford us the maximum opportunity to take the initiative in using our power, but not nuclear and nonnuclear.

d. US operations against the USSR may be conducted at a scale less than GW in order to:

1) Achieve those US objectives attainable short of GW.

2) Enable the enemy to reconsider his course of action.

3) Afford an opportunity for the enemy to suspend military operations.

4) Establish the basis for political negotiations.

5) Place the US in a better position to implement SNI plans.